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A BOLD GOVERNOR.
Proclaims Himself Dictator After Suspending the Constitution of His Country.

New Orleans, March 16.—The steamer Anselm brought passengers from Port Limon, and Greytown to-day, who reported that President Iglesias of Costa Rica has issued a proclamation suspending the constitution of the republic and declaring himself Dictator, until after the threatened invasion on the part of Mora shall occur or be abandoned. The constitution has now been suspended for two weeks. War is not seriously apprehended.

Costa Rica and Nicaragua, the passengers says, are quite, but the troops in both countries are kept thoroughly drilled.

TRADE TREATIES.
Washington, March 16.—Arrangements are being made for the extension of the time allowed for the ratification of the Jamaican reciprocity treaty and other reciprocity conventions applying to the British West Indians.

WAR LOAN IN NEW YORK.
New York, March 16.—The American Tobacco Company discharged its entire list of over 500 employees, men and women, to-day, from the cigar factory in this city, and it will move its plant to its factories in Richmond, Va., Baltimore, Cincinnati and Lancaster, Pa.

On which both sides of the House are unanimous.
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FACTORY HANDS' MISFORTUNE.

Party or No Party?

Divergence of Opinion as to Means for Restoring Good Government.

Vancouver and Kootenay Conservatives Favor a Test on Federal Issues.

Victoria Postpones Its Decision—Liberals Call a Provincial Convention.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 16.—At a meeting of Conservatives to-night a resolution to stand by the decision of the convention to fight the coming elections on party lines was carried by 148 to 5. Messrs. P. C. Cotton, C. E. Tisdall and L. G. McPhillips were prominent speakers and expressed the fear that Mr. Martin would carry the country unless all parties but Martinists combined to defeat him. There was much party enthusiasm at the meeting, and the late government was condemned by a score of speakers, who said in effect that the government were elected to defeat the Turner party, and though they had served that purpose had proved weaker than the Turner party itself.

KOOTENAY ALSO FOR PARTY.

Nelson, March 16.—The following resolution was adopted on a standing vote, amid cheers, by a convention of delegates representing Greenwood, Phoenix, Columbia, Grand Forks, Rossland, Trail, Shocum City, Silverton, New Denver, Nelson, Ymir and other points: "That the origin of the Liberal-Conservative party may be traced to a crisis in the history of the country which necessitated a union of the best men of both parties for the unification and progress of the Dominion of Canada.

"A serious crisis exists in the Province of British Columbia at the present time. The principles of Liberal-Conservatism contain the only remedy for one-man government, sectionalism and the undue influence of political adventurers.

"Therefore be it resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting the forthcoming election should be conducted upon party lines, the Liberal-Conservative party relying not solely upon party affiliation in federal politics, but also upon the broad principles of Liberal-Conservatism which will remedy the various abuses of government in this province."

VICTORIA CONSERVATIVES.

Local Political Situation Engages the Attention of a Large Gathering.

Foresters' hall was well filled last evening on the occasion of the adjourned meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association. The president, H. D. Helmecken, M. P., occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by prominent Liberal-Conservatives, the principal subject of discussion being what course will prove most effective in freeing the province from the present political blight and restore good government.

The telegram from Nelson to the Colonist was read, indicating the course to be followed by the Conservatives of Kootenay.

After the matter had been discussed from various standpoints, decision was deferred until an adjourned meeting to be held on Wednesday next at the same place—Foresters' hall.

A LIBERAL CONVENTION.

Executive of Vancouver Association Dissent from Decision of Provincial Executive.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 16.—An extraordinary meeting of the executive of the Liberal association of Vancouver city, took place last night, with twenty-six out of the thirty members present. After the meeting was addressed at length by Hon. Joseph Martin, a discussion took place as to the advisability of calling a convention for the province. The following resolution was unanimously passed: "Moved by Jas. McQueen, seconded by J. C. McLagan: That whereas the provincial executive having been appealed to by the Rossland association to call a convention, at a meeting attended by only seven, refused to call a convention; and whereas at a Vancouver convention of 1897, Liberal, agreed to support the then provincial opposition and formulated a platform; and whereas it is advisable that the party should take united action at this crisis; therefore, the Liberals of Vancouver call a convention of the Liberals of the province for the purpose of organizing and deciding upon what action to take—said convention to be called for April 5th next—each provincial electoral district being entitled to send ten delegates for each member they send to the legislature."

PORTO RICAN RELIEF.

Washington, March 16.—After a debate, at times spirited, extending over parts of two days, the Senate to-day passed the Puerto Rico relief appropriation bill. As passed the measure carries \$2,095,000, the president being authorized to use that sum "for public education, public works and other government and public purposes," in Puerto Rico.

AN EXPENSIVE ARBITRATION.

London, March 17.—In the House of Commons to-day, the parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Wm. St. John Broderick, answering a question said the British expenses in the case of the Venezuelan arbitration from 1895 to date, had been £65,625. He added that there was no suggestion that British Guiana should defray any part of the expense.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Irish Flag to Float Over City Hall—Sir Wilfrid Backs Down—Ministers Delay Business.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 16.—The city councils of Ottawa and Toronto have decided to fly the Irish flag from the city halls to-morrow.

Col. Prior has wired the president of the Sons of Erin at Victoria expressing his hope for the success of their celebration to-morrow.

The difficulty over unopposed motions was disposed of to-day. Sir Charles Tupper suggested a *modus vivendi*, and Sir Wilfrid receded from his untenable position.

The report is current that the government has selected an imperial officer to succeed Gen. Hutton. Col. Prior asked if the report is true, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he was not able to answer the question to-day.

The debate on Mr. Russell's preferential resolution was continued to-day, the government speakers consuming much time. Dr. Montague delivered an eloquent address.

Mr. Fielding declined to say when the budget will be brought down, confirming the general belief that the government is marking time.

Dublin and Queen's Visit.

Corporation Prepare for Official Welcome Befitting the Great Occasion.

Mass Meeting Called to Denounce the Preparations Proves Utter Failure.

Dublin, March 16.—At a meeting in the Mansion House to-day, the Lord Mayor presiding, a committee was appointed to fittingly receive the Queen and £1,400 was subscribed for decorations.

Dublin, March 16.—A mass meeting was summoned this evening to denounce the act of the corporation in voting an address to the Queen, but it was almost a fiasco. Only a few hundred were present at the time and the gathering never amounted to more than three thousand.

The majority were attracted out of sheer curiosity, rather than out of sympathy. John Dwyer, Mayor of Limerick, addressed the meeting and seconded the resolution, which was adopted, protesting against the corporation's decision.

After the meeting broke up about five hundred persons marched past the Mansion House, but there were no disorders.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Survivor of the Edmonton Trail—Called From Sacramento—Northwest Legislature Summoned.

Winnipeg, March 16.—(Special)—Glen Campbell, who was for two years a wanderer with his party in the wilds north of Peace river, was banqueted yesterday upon his return to Winnipeg.

Mr. Campbell stigmatized the Edmonton trail to Yukon as "the death trail."

Rev. J. B. Silcox, of Sacramento, Cal., has accepted a call to Central Congregational church, this city.

The Northwest legislature is called to meet at Regina March 29.

Upon completion of the Southwestern railway to Rainy river, the Portage Lumber Co. will erect immense saw-mills in Winnipeg.

The Manitoba legislature has been called for March 29 for despatch of business.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Canadian Cities Raise Irish Flag in Recognition of Valor in Africa.

Toronto, March 15.—The Irish flag will fly side by side with the Union Jack from all city buildings to-morrow, this having been unanimously decided by the board of control as a fitting recognition of valor of the Irish troops in South Africa.

Vancouver, March 16.—St. Patrick's Day has been declared a civic holiday by the Mayor in honor of the Irish soldiers' heroism in South Africa.

COUNTERFEITERS SENTENCED.

Five Years in Kingston Penitentiary For Leaders of Recently Discovered Gang.

Woodstock, March 16.—The trial of the members of the Decker gang of counterfeiters is closed. Anthony Decker, leader of the gang, was found guilty on three indictments. The other three prisoners, Paul Decker, Hans Knutz and Robert Nurnberger, pleaded guilty. Nurnberger will be let off on suspended sentence, providing he gives information of others who are evidently connected with the enterprise.

Two Deckers were sentenced to five years each in the Kingston penitentiary, and Hans Knutz to 15 months in Central Prison, Toronto.

CLARKE WALLACE HURT.

Toronto, March 16.—Clarke Wallace, M. P., was injured at Bracebridge this morning, falling on the icy road and sustaining a deep cut in his head. He was attending the Orange Guard Lodge.

CANADIAN WOUNDED.

Toronto, March 16.—A special cablegram says: "Private R. Hayes, of 'E' Company, Montreal, was wounded in an engagement at Driefontein on March 10."

THE MONTEREY SAILING.

Halifax, March 16.—The Monterey is anchored in the stream and sails at four to-morrow.

Burghers Coming In

Roberts Reports That by Hundreds They Accept Terms of Proclamation.

Bloemfontein Once More Practically in Rail Communication With Capetown.

Clements' Force Across Orange River and Guards' Brigade Effecting Junction.

London, March 16.—Lord Roberts has sent the following despatch to the war office:

"Bloemfontein, Friday, March 16.—Gen. Clements crossed the Orange river yesterday. Repairs to the railway bridge at Norval's Post have commenced, and it will shortly be ready for traffic.

"Gen. Pole-Carew telegraphs his arrival at Springfield, so that Bloemfontein is now practically in rail communication with Capetown.

"My proclamation is already having an excellent effect. Several hundred burghers have expressed their intention to surrender their arms and return to their occupations.

"The resident commissioner of Basuto-land reports that 800 Boers lately arrived from Bloemfontein, and that a further contingent from Aliwal North was only waiting to know the terms of my proclamation to surrender. They had refused to attend a council at Kroonstadt, to which President Steyn had summoned them."

London, March 17.—The Daily Mail has the following despatch from Lorenzo Marques dated Friday, March 16:

"Entrenching proceeding on the Vaal river at Vanoying.

"Late arrivals from Pretoria say that the Boers themselves now admit that their cause is hopeless. General Lucas refuses to fight again, and has returned to his farm. General Schalkburgher has also returned, and the burghers are going home by hundreds."

RHODES IN CRITICAL MOOD.

Says Boer Numbers Have Been Exaggerated to Explain British Reverses.

London, March 17.—The Daily Mail publishes an interview this morning with Mr. Rhodes, secured by Mr. Julian Ralph, in the course of which, complaining of the home authorities, Mr. Rhodes declared that there had been only 30,000 Boers in the field altogether, and that the foreign mercenaries were only about 15,000. The numbers of the Boers, he said, had been exaggerated in order to explain the British reverses.

A WORRIED CRITIC.

Cannot Imagine Any Satisfactory Plan For Boer Commander-in-Chief.

London, March 17.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson in the Morning Post says: "The difficulty now is to imagine a satisfactory plan of operation for the Boer commander-in-chief. At an outside estimate his available forces can hardly be 40,000 men. The Boer positions will all be turned before a frontal attack is made. To await the frontal attack will be to risk capture. The only plan to avoid it will be a hasty retreat."

Then proceeding to discuss various possibilities of the Boers, Mr. Wilkinson arrives at the following conclusion: "The best that the Boers can hope for is to gain time. There is no chance of their being able to restore the equilibrium, or to turn the balance in their own favor. By gaining time they may hope for some foreign intervention or complication. Great Britain must, therefore, push the war with the utmost vigor, and must not spare any effort to keep the navy and the home defence forces in the utmost efficiency, ready for any emergency."

FRENCH STUDENTS' FOLLY.

They Shattered Windows of British Consulate and Are Gaoled and Fined.

Bordeaux, March 16.—As an outcome of the recent riotous demonstration against the British consulate here, when the windows of the consulate and the consul's residence were shattered by stones, the three ringleaders of the mob: two students and a clerk were sentenced to-day to short terms and fines and to pay the costs of the prosecution.

SPARED ST. HELENA.

London, March 17.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "The Boer prisoners will be detained indefinitely on board the transports, and the Free Staters will perhaps be spared the trip to St. Helena."

HOSPITAL SHIP MAINE.

Durban, March 15.—The American ladies' hospital ship Maine, will leave Saturday. She will remain in the Mediterranean a short period for the benefit of patients on board.

GERMAN ACQUISITIONS.

Berlin, March 16.—It is again reported here—this time from Buda Pesth—that Germany will soon acquire a coaling station at Elkhnei, on the Persian Gulf and also additional territory in China. This, however, is discredited in colonial circles here.

The Advance On Transvaal.

With Railway to Cape Intact
Roberts Can Move Forward
At Will.

Burgbers Planned to Have Steyn
Surrender But by Ruse
He Escaped.

London, March 17.—(4:30 a. m.)—The railway communication to the Cape being intact, Lord Roberts will in a very few days be in a position to begin the advance on Pretoria.

His deep political intuition, combined with his bold strategy, having resulted as desired in the southern sections of the Orange Free State, which are rapidly calming down, Mafeking is now the only point for anxiety, and as it is now long since the force has left Kimberley, its relief may be announced before many days pass.

In the lobbies of parliament last evening it was rumored that Lord Roberts is about to issue a proclamation announcing that the former system of government in the Orange Free State is abolished, and a provisional Free State, who immediately surrender due consideration.

It is understood that all the Continental powers, with one exception, uncomplainingly refused to intervene. The exception was Russia, whose refusal was couched in less firm language, although like the others she declined to interfere. It is said that the Pope was also appealed to, but that he declined to do anything beyond writing a letter to the Queen, appealing to her to stop the further effusion of blood. Dr. Leyds' efforts with King Leopold were quite futile.

The possibility of the destruction of Johannesburg is still discussed here, but it is believed that French and German shareholders would offer a strong protest. Mr. Chamberlain's statement that President Kruger has already been warned as to the consequences of such conduct is regarded as showing that sufficient precaution has been taken. The Times suggests that the burghers should be warned that their farms will be taxed as a guarantee against any damage to British property, but no serious apprehensions are entertained of such conduct as Mr. White is said to have foreshadowed.

The latest account respecting the surrender of Bloemfontein shows that the approach of the British caused a stampede. Thirteen trains, each comprising forty cars, all crammed with Boers, hurried northward just before the line was cut. Mr. Steyn would have been compelled to surrender, but he pretended that he was going to visit one of the outposts, and at midnight took a carriage which was waiting for him outside the town, and thus escaped. The Boers got the bulk of their wagons and military stores away.

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MAFEEKING'S BRAVE FIGHT.

Four Miles of Trenches to Enable
Pedestrians to Avoid the
Boer Missiles.

London, March 16.—Further news has reached the outside world from Mafeking, dated Friday, March 9, showing that though the garrison was in hard straits, they were buoyed up by the knowledge that their plucky fight was appreciated at home.

New York, March 16.—The World prints to-day a despatch from Lady Sarah Wilson in Mafeking, dated March 4. She says:

"The siege drags its weary course. The shelling has been less severe in the last few days, but bullets are much more plentiful than in the past, making walking about a work of danger. The town is gradually assuming the appearance of a gigantic rabbit warren. We have over four miles of trenches for the protection of pedestrians from bullets, and bomb-proof shelters to resort to when the shelling is severe."

"The latest triumph is a five-inch gun made by local workmen. Both shells and powder are made locally. Respecting the former, some taken from Jameson's column at Dornkop by the Boers were sent into our trenches, were collected, melted down, re-cast and used, again gaining a visit to the Transvaal."

"As regards foodstuffs the town can hold out for some time if required to do so, but only on the strictest economy. A soup kitchen which was started to-day, supplied by horses, dogs, etc., will provide for 1,000 natives daily. The natives have large herds of cattle, but will not sell unless in exchange for food. Under the circumstances it would be unwise to requisition the cattle. Hence the outlook is an anxious one if the siege shall be prolonged beyond the date given."

IT IS A MISTAKE

To suppose that the kidneys alone are responsible for all the weak, lame, aching backs, backache as well as pain under the left shoulder blade frequently comes from the liver or complications of the liver and kidneys which can only be cured by using the great double treatment—Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box.

CAPE COLONY REJOICED.

Loyalists Rewarded for Their Steadfast
Resistance of Boer Intrigue.

Capetown, March 16.—There was great rejoicing throughout the colony on the receipt of the news that Bloemfontein had been occupied by the British. The first indication of the fact at Port Elizabeth was the firing of guns at eleven o'clock in the evening. The inhabitants hastened to the streets and carried the mayor on their shoulders to the town hall, where a demonstration was made. To-day will be observed as a general holiday.

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EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Kootenay Conservative Convention De-
clares For Investigation of
Its Bearings.

Nelson, March 16.—(Special).—The Conservative convention to-day discussed the eight-hour question and resolved as follows:

"Moved by Dr. Bowes, seconded by Fred. Irving, that this convention deprecates the existing disputes between labor and capital, and suggests that it will be the vocation of the government to carefully investigate the working of laws dealing with industrial conditions and the general relations between labor and capital in this province, keeping in view the main object of government—the prosperity of the country and the well-being of its citizens."

To Lead Guards Into Pretoria

Roberts' Promise to Gallant Bri-
gade—He Soothes the
Boer Wounded.

Cutting of Railway Secured
Great Booty—The Spectacle
Outside Bloemfontein.

London, March 16.—Lord Roberts made a quaint speech to the Guards at Bloemfontein to-day when, in his congratulatory words, he expressed pride in their splendid march of 38 miles in 28 hours, and gave ample assurance of his ultimate design. "I have not been able to march into Bloemfontein at the head of the brigade as I intended," said Roberts. "I promise you, however, that I will lead you into Pretoria."

Roberts reports that he found seven British officers and forty-three men wounded in the hospital at Bloemfontein, and that they had been well cared for. He adds: "I rejoiced the wounded Boers by telling them they would be allowed to proceed to their homes instead of being made prisoners as soon as they can leave the hospital."

It was officially announced to-day that the British casualties at Dreifontein on March 10 were 62 men killed and 321 wounded, including one Canadian wounded.

General Brabant's column having crossed the Orange River after a forced march at Aliwal North on Sunday, and General Clements' column being across at Vansyl, the three columns will form an army of 12,000 to 15,000 men, which is expected to replace the forces of Roberts at Bloemfontein, as he pushes northward. Just where the Boers will attempt to oppose that march is an important question, but it cannot be easily answered until Joubert is definitely located.

Bloemfontein, March 13.—As Lord Roberts was being conducted to the town to-day by the deputation of officials which had gone out to meet him, he was greeted by crowds waving handkerchiefs and displaying the utmost enthusiasm and cordiality. Lord Roberts entered the market square, thence he proceeded to the presidency, where he entered from the front, the garden of the late President's pretty house was entered by the crowd which broke out with tremendous energy into "God Save the Queen."

Immediately after the ceremony was over Lord Roberts appointed Gen. Pretorius governor, and then visited the gaol, where he released four prisoners, who refused to fight against the British. Then that portion of the troops necessary to man the northern heights began to march through the town amid the cheering of the people. When the horse batteries passed the contrast between the well-fed citizens and the exhausted and worn-out gunners, who sat on their horses and carriages without a sign of emotion, was most striking.

By this time the plain outside was grandly filling. Infantry regiments and immense transport convoys seemed to overrun the ground like water. Gradually out of the chaos order emerged, as each brigade and transport established itself in its proper position in long straight lines, miles in extent. From the higher angle near the town to far beyond could be seen the long yellow serpent representing regiment after regiment of khaki-clad troops marching on the town.

Gen. Joubert was expected here early in the morning, but the blowing up of the line north of the town prevented his coming, and he remained at Brandfort with 2,000 Natalers.

Gen. Pretorius is succeeding admirably as governor of the town. He issued a proclamation, telling to the burghers within a radius of ten miles to deliver their arms, assuring them that they would be paid for the confiscation of their property. Lord Roberts is about to issue proclamations which, it is believed, will have the effect of disarming further opposition on the part of the Free States.

Mr. Collins has been appointed land-rover, vice Paphentus, deposed; and Mr. Fraser will act as mayor.

Great quantities of stores captured at the battle of Mafeking, and as a result of Hunter Weston's line cutting, the British have secured 26 engines and the line has been cleared to the Kar-firm River.

Much unrest exists among the Dutch population. The burghers desecrated the soldiers' graves, saying they were innumerable and of identical color.

The Free States story of here are reported to be rapidly returning to their farms.

General Grobelaar is attempting to escape to the north. He has a large command and a big convoy of supplies.

The majority of the townspeople anticipate that the Free States will offer no resistance.

Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey is called for everywhere. It is the drink of the people.

KRUGER AS A HUMORIST.

Annexes Orange Free State on Learning of British Possession—Boers Flee Before Gatacre.

Mistakes Of The Campaign

Lord Roberts Thinks Gatacre
Was to Blame for Disaster
At Stormberg.

Methuen on the Sad Day of
Magersfontein—A Costly
Retirement.

London, March 16.—Lord Roberts, in transmitting General Gatacre's report of the Stormberg defeat, gives his views thus: "This failure was mainly due to reliance on inaccurate information regarding the ground to be traversed to the position held by the Boers, to the employment of too small a force and the men being tired by a long night's march before they came in contact with the enemy. When it became evident, shortly after midnight, that the guides were leading the column in the wrong direction, I considered Gatacre should have halted and endeavored to find a proper road, or should have fallen back on Moltmoen, rather than have risked the safety of the entire force by following a route which brought the troops into difficult ground, commanded on both sides by Boers."

METHUEN ON MAGERSFONTEIN.

London, March 16.—The London Gazette this evening publishes Gen. Lord Methuen's report of the action at Magersfontein, December 10 and December 11, dated from the Middelburg, February 15. After explaining the difficulties of any attempt to outflank 16,000 Boers, and arguing that a blow dealt at the Boer centre at Magersfontein would be more effective, he says his orders were to relieve Kimberley, and therefore the day the last reinforcements arrived, he decided to attack Magersfontein kopje.

The general then proceeds to describe the artillery bombardment of the position and shows how the Highland Brigade moved to the point of assault, and the late Major Andrew G. Wauchop had previously explained all he intended to do and the particular part each battalion was expected to play. Lord Methuen then remarks: "The rifles accidentally went off and the flashes from a lantern gave the enemy timely notice of the march."

The report then proceeds to show that Gen. Wauchop deployed his men too late, and suddenly the Boers poured in a heavy fire. Col. Hughes-Hallett immediately ordered the Seaforth's to charge and the other commanders followed suit. At this moment some one gave the word to retire, and part of the Black Watch rushed back through the ranks of the Seaforth's. Col. Hughes-Hallett ordered the latter to lie down and not retire, and after a while the Colonel again tried to reach the trenches, four hundred yards off, but the officers and half the men fell before the heavy fire which opened immediately after the men moved. Ten minutes later the Seaforth's tried another rush, with the same result. Col. Hughes-Hallett then decided to await orders.

After describing sending the Gordons and Guards to support the Highland Brigade, Lord Methuen continues: "At one in the afternoon, the Seaforth's were exposed to a heavy crossfire. The order to retire was given and the greater part of the casualties then occurred. It was an unfortunate retirement for Hallett. He received instructions to remain in his position until dusk and the enemy tried another rush, with the same result. Col. Hughes-Hallett then decided to await orders."

Wauchop told me in the evening of December 10 that he quite understood his orders, and he made me further remarks. He died at the head of his brigade, where his name will always remain honored and respected. His high military reputation and attainments disarm all criticism. Every soldier in my division deprecates his loss. He was a fine soldier and true comrade.

The attack failed. The Highlanders were ready enough to rally but the paucity of officers and non-commissioned officers made it difficult. I attach no blame to this splendid brigade.

"The report then proceeds to pay a high tribute to the conduct of all the troops under conditions as hard as can be imagined, and mentions especially a number of officers and men, for distinguished acts of courage already recorded in the newspaper despatches."

A Great Builder.—The D. & L. Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil is a great builder. It gives weight and strength. It is the only food which contains the health giving D. & L. Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, Ltd., makers.

GERMANY TO KRUGER.

Why the Emperor's Government Could
Not Urge the British to a
Settlement.

Pretoria, Wednesday, March 14.—Via Lorenzo Marques, March 16.—The German consul has handed the following despatch to President Kruger:

"The government of Germany and Emperor William will be glad to assist in friendly mediation as soon as the fundamental principles to which are apparent—as soon as it is demonstrated that both opponents desire mediation. Whether the desire alluded to by the British side can be found by the republics on direct inquiry at London or through the good offices of a third government which has no important interests of its own to consider in such affair. The latter assumption is qualified with a number of nations and outside Europe, but not with Germany. Any such step on the part of the German government would awake suspicions of having other than humanity in view. The increased mistrust thereby engendered would not promote a peaceful settlement. The request of the republics to transmit the appeal for mediation to the Austro-Hungarian and Swiss governments, whose interests are watched by the German consulate, has been immediately fulfilled."

There are many forms of nervous debility in men that yield to the use of Carter's Iron Pills. Those who are troubled with nervous weakness, night sweats, etc., should try them.

MAY BE CROWN COLONIES.

Capetown, March 15.—In an interview published in the Cape Argus, Cecil Rhodes is quoted as saying: "I feel strongly that we cannot have peace in Africa so long as we have in the republics a powerful and disloyal and disaffected. To do this we must think we can safely federate till we have had some years of crown government. Personally I have done with the bond."

LOST OR FOUND.

LOST—On Thursday evening on Menzies or Superior streets, a white Poodle baby carriage cover. Apply 3 St. Lawrence street.

LOST—A key ring containing 5 keys. Reward offered: return to Colonist office. H. C. Macaulay.

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BOERS OUT OF CONTROL.

Commandant Tenders Apology For
Excesses—Brabant's Poor
Equipment.

Capetown, March 16.—At Jamestown great complaint is made of the harsh treatment by the Boers during the occupation.

Rebels are coming in daily with their arms from the south. A number of rebel leaders have been arrested.

Jamestown, March 15.—There was much enthusiasm at Aliwal North when Brabant's troops occupied that place.

Commandant Olivier, the Boer commander, apologized for the action of the Boers during the last days' occupation, saying he could not control his men.

The British are now entrenched on the Free State side of the Orange river, with the Boers holding an advantageous hill in front of them. Gen. Brabant is greatly hampered owing to the lack of artillery, having only two 15-pounders.

HARD WEATHER IN EAST.

Nine Inches of Snow on New York City
Streets and Seven Feet in State
Forests.

New York, March 16.—Nine inches of snow and sleet covered the streets of New York to-day.

Shamokin, Pa., March 16.—Snow began falling yesterday, and when the storm ceased at 4 o'clock this morning the ground was covered to a depth of sixteen inches, and this place was snow-bound.

Atlanta, Ga., March 16.—Freezing weather was reported to-day as far south as a line running east and west through the centre of the cotton belt. Killing frost is reported at Fort Smith, Ark., near Mobile, and at Macon.

New York, March 16.—A despatch to the Mail and Express from Utah says: "Reports received from the hunting and fishing preserves in northern Utah say that the recent storm has caused death in the game life in that section. Snow is said to be seven feet on the level, and is causing the deer much difficulty in securing food."

For more than fifty years the famous Jesse Moore whiskey has been the standard brand of the world.

BANK CLERKS' FEUD.

Ville Marie Official Threatens to Shoot
Ex-Colleague For Preju-
dicing Trial.

Montreal, March 16.—Some excitement occurred in the court of Queen's Bench this morning while the crown attorneys were selecting a jury to try the case of *Baxter v. Baxter*, one of the accused, threatened to shoot W. J. E. Wall, former manager of one of the bank's branches in the city, and brother-in-law of J. J. Herbert, late teller of the same bank, and who was alleged to have been attending the court ever since the crown authorities had been engaged in selecting the jury, and endeavoring to influence the jurors.

Wall appealed for the protection of the court, but was warned not to give offence to the defence.

One hundred and fifty petit jurymen have so far been called in this case, and the crown has only succeeded in securing nine jurors.

NEWFOUNDLAND MINISTRY.

Mr. Bond Accepts Governor's Terms
and with His Colleagues Takes
Office.

St. John's Nfld., March 15.—Mr. Bond this morning agreed to accept the conditions imposed by the Governor, Col. Sir Henry Edward MacCallum, and this afternoon formally assumed office. The new government is made up as follows: Premier and Colonial Secretary, Mr. Robert Bond; Minister of Justice, Mr. John Cowan; leader of the upper house, Mr. Geo. Knowling; ministers without portfolios, Messrs. Edward Morris and Lawrence Farlow. The foregoing compose the cabinet. Mr. Bond is a native of St. John's, Nfld., and has been in the service of the government for many years.

AN IMAGINARY CHASE.

British Warship Placed in Pursuit of
German Liner with Boer Officials.

New York, March 16.—In a copyrighted London cable, the Journal and Advertiser says to-day that despatches from Lorenzo Marques state that two Boer commissioners, Abraham Fischer and A. D. Wolmarans, sailed for Europe on the German steamer Kaiser, and that the British man-of-war Thetis started in pursuit.

London, March 16.—Officials of the foreign office say the idea of the officers of a British warship attempting to remove foreigners from German vessels is "utterly impossible and absurd."

CANADIANS ALL WELL.

Ottawa, March 16.—The following was received from Colonel Otter to-day:

"Bloemfontein, March 16.—At Bloemfontein to-day. All well.—(Signed) OTTER."

If you have never tasted Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey, try it and be convinced that it is the best whiskey in the world.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LECTURE.—By Rev. J. C. Speer: "The Bible and the Science of Man." Views at St. Columba Church, Monday, March 19th, at 8 p.m. Admission 25c; children under eleven, 15c.

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WANTED—Good girl to do general housework. Apply 30 Kingston street, city.

WANTED—Experienced nurse to take care of invalid. Apply Mrs. Hastings, Rube, bldg., Pemberton road.

WANTED—Small furnished house, Beacon Hill preferred; married couple without children. References. Address "A.B.," Colonist.

WANTED—Position as housekeeper to gentleman. Highest references. Address "E.," this office.

WANTED—Fast pony. Address "Traveler," Colonist.

YOUNG JAPANESE BOY wants to do housework in a hotel or family. Can talk English well. Call Y. Osawa, 45 Store street.

WANTED—8 or 9 roomed house, all modern conveniences; central position; garden; moderate rent. Reply to "A.B.," immediately, stating terms, etc. "Home," Colonist office.

WANTED—Strong girl for a candy store; must understand chocolate and bon-bon work; good wages to right party. Apply to Little Sweetland, 99 Government street.

WANTED—A good general servant. Apply Mrs. Kingham, 1 Phoenix Place.

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WANTED—15 men to work place claims on lay, 50 per cent. Attn. B.C. For full particulars see address W. J. Anderson, Seattle, Wash., Hotel Richelieu.

WANTED—Situation as foreman on farm, also situation for working man. Reply to "A.B.," immediately, stating terms, etc. "Home," Colonist office.

WANTED—Immediately, quantity of furniture, especially bed rooms. State lowest price. "Furniture," Colonist office.

WANTED—To learn barber trade. Only eight weeks required; special instruction. Catalogue, map of city and souvenir mailed free. Moler's Barber College, San Francisco, California.

WANTED—A smart boy, with some experience in selling. Apply Job Dept., Colonist office.

ONTARIO BARRISTER of over six years' experience, desires to leave office, opening or enter an office on salary or otherwise in B. C.; good references. Address "Box," the Colonist.

CASH for acceptable ideas; state if patent desired. Address The Patent Record, Baltimore, Md.

HAVE YOUR BOOTS AND SHOES repaired by G. Nangle, the prize boot and shoemaker; he don't charge credit; prices Repairing Depot, 50 Fort street.

FOR SALE—Horse and harnesses, cheap. 37 Kane street.

CANARIES—Splendid lot from California; Cuckoo, Hartz, Redwing, Hens; few singers. 130 Yates street.

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JAPANESE LILY BULBS and plants just arrived at Japanese Store on Douglas street.

FOR SALE—Steam launch Ada; length 29 feet, beam 8 feet, draught 4 feet. Apply 55 Fort street.

FOR SALE—On the Fraser river, 120 acres land, 5-roomed house, barn, stable, outbuildings, orchard, team horses, harness, wagon, plough and other farming implements. Price \$35 per acre; \$300 cash balance on terms extending over long period. Address Box 402 Victoria, B.C.

FOR SALE—Well built 9-roomed house on Kingston street, with all modern conveniences, and stable, situated on the harbor. Price \$4,000, payable \$1,000 cash and balance on mortgage at 6 per cent., or \$3,800. Two one-story 5-roomed cottages on Michigan street, Price \$1,500 each. Water front lot on Kingston street, 60x165. Price \$1,700.

A. W. MORE & CO., 88 Government St.

FOR SALE—The strong bar Atlas. For particulars apply Wm. Turpie, Central Ship Yard.

FOR SALE—The steamer Algon, 34 tons burden, fitted with one compound engine. For particulars apply Wm. Turpie, Central Shipyard.

FOR SALE—One tug boat, also small power marine engines and boilers; 1 stationary gasoline engine. Particulars apply Post Office Box 143.

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VICTORIA TIDES.

By Mr. Napier Dennison.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel off Shoal Point, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

| Saturday, Mar. 17. | | Sunday, Mar. 18. | |
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| Time. | Height above zero. | Time. | Height above zero. |
| 4:50 a.m. | 7.4 feet. | 5:30 a.m. | 7.4 feet. |
| 2:30 p.m. | 4.0 feet. | 10:0 a.m. | 4.0 feet. |
| 4:20 p.m. | 8.4 feet. | 5:00 p.m. | 8.6 feet. |
| 9:40 p.m. | 5.1 feet. | 10:10 p.m. | 5.8 feet. |

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Satisfactory Demand.—The London Grocers' Gazette of February 24 says: The demand continues satisfactory and prices are firmly maintained for salmon.

We have just secured the agency for the Empire Typewriter. The only good and cheap typewriting machine made, \$50 cash. Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Limited.

Concert Postponed.—At a meeting of the patriotic sub-committee yesterday it was decided to postpone the proposed concert until after Easter.

Twenty-one years' continuous improvement represented in Rambler bicycles. Weiler Bros., agents.

The Dear Little Shamrock.—In honor of St. Patrick the flower stall on Broad street, directly opposite the Colonist office, has been stocked for to-day with a full supply of shamrocks which will be disposed of at five cents.

Have you read fortunes in the bottom of your tea-cup? Drink Hondt and read what its leaves say.—Every leaf draws.

A. O. U. W. Hall.—This afternoon and evening, farewell engagement of Adgie, the Lady of Lions, in conjunction with her own company.

Heroes of Modder River.—The Toronto Globe has again displayed its unquestionable enterprise by publishing in its issue of the 10th inst., excellent half-tone portraits of the majority of the heroic Canadians who fell at the Modder river battle, among the number being Sergeant W. L. Scott and Private Alexander C. Beech of this city.

Drill hall concert to-night.

Just arrived, a consignment of new monuments, headstones and tablets, finished as only skill and experience can do it. Can have their order filled to their entire satisfaction at popular prices if placed with J. E. Phillips, 76 View st.

Saved Her Life.—While at Port Moody on Thursday Mr. J. H. Sewell, of Victoria West, was instrumental in saving the life of the little daughter of Mr. Gibbons, the station agent. The little girl fell off the wharf, and without a moment's hesitation Mr. Sewell jumped into the water and after considerable difficulty got the child through the driftwood to the shore.

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C. C. REYNOLDS.

Soldiers' Photos.—In a recent militia order it is announced that Lord Strathcona requests that relatives of men in South Africa and those about to go, will kindly forward photos of the same to the district staff officer for him.

Drill hall concert to-night.

Board of Trade Meeting Postponed.—The special meeting of the board of trade council which had been originally arranged for yesterday has been postponed until Tuesday evening, in order to give Mr. Ward, the president, who is now in California, an opportunity of being present.

The Annual Meeting.—The annual general meeting of the Friendly Help Association is to be held this (Saturday) afternoon at 2:30 in the association's rooms in the market building. Everyone interested in the good work of the association is given an invitation to be present.

Japs Summoned.—Summonses were issued yesterday on complaint of Sanitary Officer Wilson against the keepers of the various Japanese lodging houses for infractions of the Sanitary by-law in the manner already reported in the Colonist—overcrowding their premises. The cases will be heard on Monday before Magistrate Hall.

Drill hall concert to-night.

Material Difference.—Miss Helen W. Merritt, of the school for deaf and dumb mutes, writes: "In the fifth paragraph of the report of the Benevolent Society in this morning's issue, the word 'learn' is used in place of the word 'hear.' This is a material mistake and changes the meaning of the sentence. I have been striving for months to demonstrate that fact, and now it is so plain that anyone who will take the trouble to examine the children can testify to it. This morning I received from the third physician a statement to that effect."

War Pictures.—New albums of war pictures, 15c each, just received by the Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd.

The Police Court.—In the police court yesterday morning James Dougall, charged with assaulting his wife, was remanded until Monday. Magistrate Hall administered a severe reprimand to Dougall, who as justification of his offence pleaded that he had an ungovernable temper. The charge of young Dougall against the youth Ah Young and Ah Jung were charged with assault. The former pleaded guilty and was fined \$12; the latter was remanded until Monday.

Irishmen Celebrate.—St. Patrick's Day is being celebrated wherever there are Irishmen with an unusual amount of enthusiasm, this being largely accounted for by the fact that Her Majesty has taken special notice to the bravery displayed by the Irish troops in South Africa. In Victoria the celebration will be a quiet one. Mayor Hayward has declared a half-holiday. A number of business places have been decorated, among the most noticeable windows being that of Messrs. McCandless Bros. on Johnson street. The centre piece is a large cloth imitation of a shambrock, surrounded by a photograph of Her Majesty, and on the leaves photographs of Generals Roberts, Kitchener and White.

Popular Concert.—This evening in Temperance hall at the usual Saturday evening popular concert, the First Presbyterian church choir, under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown, will render the entire programme. The choir will give choruses, including a short cantata entitled "The Rise of the Clans," by Sir Michael Costa. There will be solo duets, etc., by the following ladies and gentlemen: Mrs. Hunt, Miss Baker, Miss Field, Misses Milne, Misses Munroe, Messrs. B. Henderson, Wilson, Redmond, Kimmial and J. G. Brown—well-known vocalists. The reputation of this organization under their well-known leader should be sufficient guarantee of the merit of the programme, and no doubt there will be an exceptionally large attendance.

Drill hall concert to-night.

Drill Hall.—Tonight at the Drill hall concert the final game of the Fifth Regiment band cup series, between the James Bay and Victoria West basketball teams, will be played. It is expected that this game will be close and exciting; it will be played in the first part of the programme and will start at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. S. Norman acting as referee. The band have also secured the services of some well-known singers as Mr. A. T. Godard and Dr. Hermann Robertson for this evening's concert. Mr. Godard will sing "Killarney," which Dr. Robertson will be heard in "The Queen's Letter." The band will honor the day by playing selections which are thoroughly Irish in character. The programme, with the various numbers in the order in which they will be rendered, follows:

PART I.
March—"The Emerald Isle".....Bennet
Basket Ball—Half-time play.
Vocal Solo—"The Queen's Letter".....Hobbs
Dr. Hermann Robertson.
Basket Ball—Half-time play.
PART II.
Grand Selection on "Irish Songs".....Ryer
Vocal Solo—"Killarney".....Moore
Mr. A. E. Goward.
Waltzes—"Sounds from Erin".....Bennet
March—"The Shamrock".....arr. Finn
"God Save the Queen."

Cape Nome.—The newspapers are loud in their praise of the above place, and as a money-maker it is no doubt good; how to make money in Victoria is the thing; you can save money by buying your books and stationery from the Victoria news co., 80 Yates street, r. t. Williams, manager.



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New Steamer
For the Skeena.

Bonsall & Cunningham to Put
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Achnashie Arrives From Liverpool—Luck of the Sealers
—Japanese Immigrants

It is expected that the C.P.N. Co.'s steamer Queen City on coming in from Northern British Columbia ports this morning will bring news of the arrival on the Skeena of the fast little river steamer Monte Cristo, which last year and the year before established a record for herself as the most successful of the fleet operating on the Skeena. She was purchased at Wrangell some weeks ago by Captain Bonsall, formerly of the Caledonia, in partnership with Mr. R. Cunningham, and will be operated hereafter by these gentlemen. Captain Bonsall commanding on the Skeena river between Essington and Hazelton, a distance of 190 miles with considerable intermediate business. According to last reports the Monte Cristo left Wrangell about three weeks ago for the Skeena, where she was upon arrival to be beached, overhauled, and made thoroughly suitable for her new service, in which she starts under most favorable auspices, inasmuch as she has contracts from the various mining companies and district business men that will keep her busy all summer, her casual business being all profit. The Monte Cristo while on the Skeena distinguished herself by never missing a trip, and it is to be hoped and expected that her good luck will hold with her on her new run. The Queen City, which has been looked for during several days past, met with considerable rough weather on her trip now nearing completion, and which included a call at Skidegate; she was reported to the owners from Union Bay yesterday, her master explaining that he had been delayed by rough weather, in which the boom end was lost, but would probably reach Victoria by 10 this morning.

THE ACHNASHIE ARRIVES.

Completing a Good Average Trip With
Merchandise from Liverpool and Glasgow.

The expectation that the British ship Achnashie, from Liverpool and Glasgow for R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., was near at hand, proved well justified yesterday, when the tug Wanderer dropped the ship in Esquimalt, where the naval stores contained in her 4,000 tons cargo are to be discharged. Afterwards she will come to the outer wharf to land the major portion of her heavy freights; going thence to Vancouver, and subsequently to Puget Sound. A return charter has not yet been arranged. The Achnashie's cargo consists in large part of tin for cannery purposes, these consignments making up 2,300 tons; besides there are 600 tons of tramway rails to be landed at Vancouver; 400 cases of cement for Victoria; and heavy orders of fire brick and liquors for Puget Sound merchants. The Achnashie was 148 days on the passage, with generally fair weather and wind, although two severe storms were encountered—the one a north-west gale while the ship was in 43 S., and the other a week ago off the coast of Washington. The only vessel reported by Captain Longmuir is the ship Tinto Hill, which has, however, arrived at San Francisco, her destination, in advance of the Achnashie. Several sealing craft were sighted off the Cape last night at too great a distance to be spoken. Stevedore McDermott is to commence discharging the ship at Esquimalt consignments, other than those coming "to Puget Sound," at 10 o'clock. Rithet & Co., Bank of B.N.A., Pilkington Bank, George Carter, Pither & Leiser, R. Wolfenden, S. McNeely, Hudson's Bay Co., Henderson Bros., Wilson Bros., R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., E. B. Marvin & Co., Turner, Bevan & Co., Erskine, Wall & Co., Deaville Sons Co., Fell & Co., Ltd., and Dixie H. Ross & Co. The consignments from Glasgow are: Hudson's Bay Co., Erskine, Wall & Co., and Fell & Co., Ltd.

HUNTERS IN ILL-HEALTH.

Sealing Schooner Theresa at Port San Juan Reporting 402 Skins—The Fleet Moving North.

A telegram from Captain Meyers of the sealing schooner Theresa to his owner, Mr. Benington, received yesterday, reports the vessel at Port San Juan with a north-east gale, but having been necessitated by sickness among her native hunters. The invalids are to be landed, and the schooner expected to get to sea again by Sunday. Although the Theresa makes no report of others of the fleet, it is advised from steamers that craft that have just come up the Coast are to the effect that practically all of the Victoria schooners are now following the seal herds North, so that it is to be anticipated that the Willapa on her return from West Coast points next week will bring fairly complete reports of the spring catches. Present information would seem to indicate that the vessels carrying all Indian hunters will this spring make less clear expenses, while the white schooners will be scarcely that fortunate.

AN INTERESTING SOUVENIR.

One Particular in Which Modern Ships are at a Disadvantage—Yosemite Resumes Service Tuesday.

The Canadian Pacific Steam Navigation Co. owners of the sidewheeler "Yosemite," have just had a photograph taken of that veteran vessel, as she stands on

Now ready 50,000 Native Sons Cigars clear Havana filled \$70.00 per m.

Harbor Property For Sale.

Two Harbor lots, fronting on St. Lawrence Street, with good seven-roomed house, Tennis Court, Etc. This very choice residential property, which may become of very considerable value as business property, is for sale (owing to the owner leaving) at a sacrifice, and if sold within two weeks, can be purchased at 25 per cent. below the assessed value.

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

In honor of the brave Irish Soldiers now fighting in South Africa and in memory of those who have bled and died in heroic defence of the Empire and our National freedom; it is suggested that our Citizens observe TO-DAY (St. Patrick's) with becoming ceremonies.

The City offices will be closed at 12 o'clock noon, and many others it is hoped will follow this example, while every body is expected to display their bunting and colors.

CHAS. HAYWARD.
Mayor.

the blocks at the marine railway, the picture being peculiarly interesting as showing the exact extent of her injury on Sidney Spit, and also illustrating the advantage possessed by the old frame-body boats over their steel-hull successors. If the Yosemite had been of iron or steel the chances are a hundred to one that her recent adventure would at the best have involved a repair bill of \$20,000 or \$25,000. As it is the damage is comparatively nominal, and the steamer—which shows up sound in every part—will be able to resume her route by about Tuesday evening next.

WATERFRONT NEWS NOTES.

Movement of the Northern Fleet—Big Collier Looked for—E. & N. Steamers Freshening Up.

Steamer Willapa is booking passengers and cargo for West Coast ports. Steamer Victorian arrives at and departs from the outer wharf to-day.

Steamer Al-Ki goes north from the Sound this morning; she makes no call here.

Steamship Riojun-maru of the N.Y.K. line, is to arrive on or about the 13th April.

Steamer Humboldt is due on the Sound from Alaska ports, to sail again for Skagway to-morrow.

Steamer Mande went yesterday to Vancouver with a cargo of powder, to return with general freight.

Captain Sanborn, formerly of the Bailey, is this year to have command of the C.D. Co.'s fine steamer Columbian.

Steamer Cottage City is due from the North on Thursday next to return the following Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock.

Steamer Clayquot, which has been laid up in the upper harbor for a fortnight or so, is preparing to resume her service to West Coast points.

British steamship Varfield is now 21 days out and hourly looked for from Yokohama, under charter to R. Duns-

maur & Sons for the Coast trade.

The charter held by the German ship Renee Rickmers, now taking lumber at the Chemainus mills, gives her an option of Cork or U.K. at 78.9, or London at 80.

Steamer Amur, running on her own elastic schedule just at present, may now be looked for from the North at any time. The Tees is due back on Sunday evening.

The Lorne upon her return from Oyster Harbor, whither she has gone with the Indiana, is to take the German ship Caesare to Hastings mill, where she receives lumber for the U.K. The period of the Caesare's detention at quarantine has now expired.

The Credmoor, Wrester, and Pilo are completing their lumber cargoes at Chemainus. The Credmoor will be the first of the trio to get away, probably next week; the Wrester will be ready to sail in ten days' time; and the Pilo in about a fortnight.

The E. & N. railway company's steamer City of Nanaimo is to go on Turpel's ways to-day for a general overhaul and freshening up, preparatory to taking up the Nanaimo-Vancouver run. So soon as the Nanaimo is ready for this route, her place on the ways will be taken by the Joao, also for a regulation overhaul.

The Japanese liner Idzumi Maru, of the N. Y. K. flag, reached William Head quarantine station last night from the Orient, with another large contribution to the Japanese section of the population—600 in all—of whom 550 are to be landed here. The steamer will not reach her wharf until early this morning.

Appearances are often deceptive, in the sound of steamboat whistles as well as in more important matters, an example in point presenting itself last evening, when the deep bass call of a steamer that sounded large enough to be two Empresses rolled into one took the marine reporter in haste to the harbor front. No floating Leviathan was visible, however, and it was only after much peering into darkness that the shadowy lines of a microscopically small craft were made out, as the owner of the big bass voice went through the railway swing. She was Capt. Grant's

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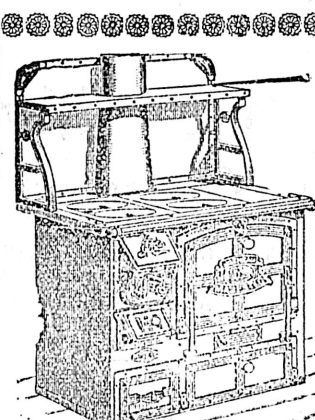
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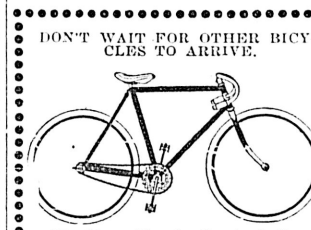
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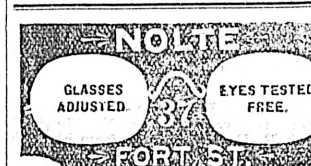


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but owing to the breaking down of one of
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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, March 16.—5 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

The barometer is steadily falling over this province and the Territories in advance of an ocean low area now centered off Vancouver Island. This area is likely to cause a return of unsettled weather along the coast by Sunday. The weather has again been fine from the Coast to the Canadian Territories and abnormally warm throughout this province and the American Pacific Slope. Light snow has fallen in Manitoba.

TEMPERATURES.

| | Min. | Max. |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Victoria | 40 | 62 |
| New Westminster | 40 | 64 |
| Kamloops | 30 | 54 |
| Barkerville | 22 | 44 |
| Calgary | 22 | 44 |
| Winnipeg | 20 | 44 |
| Portland, Ore. | 54 | 70 |
| San Francisco | 48 | 56 |

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time),
Saturday.
Victoria and Vicinity—Moderate or fresh winds, mostly and north east; fair, becoming unsettled with showers probably by Sunday; stationary or lower temperature.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate winds; fair, becoming unsettled with showers probably on Sunday; stationary or lower temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

| | Deg. | March 16. |
|--------|------|----------------|
| 5 a.m. | 45 | Mean.....53 |
| Noon | 58 | Highest.....62 |
| 5 p.m. | 58 | Lowest.....44 |

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m. Calm.
Noon 9 miles northeast.
5 p.m. Calm.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Sunshine—9 hours 6 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.992
Corrected.....29.998

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....29.92

PASSENGERS.

| By steamer Victorian from the Sound: | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
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| Miss Spray. | Miss Winters. |
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| Jas. Wright. | E. Heckman. |
| C. N. King. | Mrs. Heckman. |
| A. Ware. | S. B. Emmons. |
| Miss B. Mockler. | Mrs. Emmons. |
| Miss Buchanan. | C. M. Frank. |
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BUILDING AT ESSINGTON.

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Messrs. Cunningham & Son's steamer Chieftain having passed her official inspection yesterday with flying colors, is today leaving for the Skeena, with supplies for her owners, the cannery and stores. She also takes up a number of carpenters and other workmen who will at once commence the erection at Essington of a store and warehouse building 100 feet in length, together with a large and first-class hotel and a number of cabins and cottages to be the homes of the cannery employees, these structures replacing those destroyed in the fire of a year ago or less.

TWENTY-FIVE ROUNDS.

New York, March 16.—Sullivan was given the decision over Broad at the end of the twenty-fifth round.

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Association

Football.

Two Senior Matches Between Civilians and Navy Men To-Day.

Peter Jackson Goes to San Francisco on His Way to Australia.

There are two senior association football matches set for to-day, the Victorians playing a team from H.M.S. Leander at Beacon Hill and the Columbians playing the Virago team at the Caledonia grounds. Both should prove interesting as in each case the teams have fought several hard battles. The teams for the Victoria-Leander match are:

Victoria: Goal, Jones; backs, Goward and Schwengers; half backs, Johnson, Lorimer and Rutherford; forwards, Yorke, Livingstone, Noot, Hunter and Shandley.

Leander: Watkinson, Eldridge, Bunting, Lawrence, Barlow, Moore, Williams, Stevens, Flakes, Ward and Fraser. The kick-off will take place at 2.45. The Virago and Columbians teams play their third match of the season this afternoon at the Caledonia ground, no admission being charged. Each team has now a game to its credit, and to-day's will be the decisive match. The Columbians are to be represented by the following: G. Lawson, B. Netherby and A. Marshall; backs, J. Berkeley, B. C. Bell and P. Ritchie; halves, H. Burns, S. Dalby, E. M. Shanks, S. Nesbitt and J. Fell, forwards.

The Junior Columbians and Maple Leaves play the final game in the junior league series this afternoon, and next Saturday the semi-final in the intermediate series will be played at the Caledonia grounds between the Columbians and the Nanaimo Thistles.

THE TURF.

Weekly Run.
The Victoria Hunt Club will meet at Colwood at 2.30 this afternoon for a cross-country run.

HOCKEY.

Practice This Afternoon.
Although there is no match game of hockey on the cards for to-day it will be for all members of the playing squad to remember that a full practice has been arranged for to commence at 2.30 sharp at the Oak Bay grounds.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Hornets May Come at Last.

That long postponed match between Victoria's champion Rugby team and the famous Hornets of Nanaimo, which will decisively determine the football honors of British Columbia for 1899-1900, and which had almost been given up as a lost attraction, will probably be played after all—in this city on the 31st instant. The members of the city team should lose no opportunity in the intervening period of putting themselves in the perfection of shape for the match.

THE OAR.

Resolution of Sympathy.
Mr. A. J. Dallin, secretary of the James Bay Athletic Association, last evening received a letter from the secretary of the Vancouver Rowing Club, enclosing a resolution expressing the sorrow of the members of that club at the death of the late W. I. Scott. The letter follows:

"Vancouver Rowing Club,
"Vancouver, March 14, 1900.
A. J. Dallin, Esq., Secretary James Bay Athletic Association, Victoria:

Dear Sir,—I have the honor to forward you the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted at the first annual general meeting of the Vancouver Rowing Club, held on Monday last:

"Resolved, That this general meeting of the Vancouver Rowing Club desire to place on record their high appreciation of the late W. I. Scott, of Victoria, as a gentleman and an oarsman. Always an amateur sportsman in the truest sense of the word, he was ever ready to advance it in every way possible.

"We desire to express our deep sorrow at the loss the James Bay Athletic Association and rowing in general in this province and on the Pacific coast has sustained through his death.

"While we are grieved at his death, the knowledge that it came to him whilst faithfully and zealously discharging his duty as a soldier of our Queen in the struggle now going on in South Africa for the preservation of the Empire we all so dearly love, robs it of its sting. And we feel sure that he himself would have wished for no more glorious ending to a useful and honorable life.

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the secretary of the James Bay Athletic Association."

Yours sincerely,
"T. W. GOULDING,
"Secretary-Treasurer."

BASKET BALL.

To-Night's Band Cup Match.

Great interest is being manifested in the match game in the Drill hall this evening, between the J.B.A.A. and Victoria West team. This is the final game in the Fifth Regiment band "cup series" and will no doubt be close and exciting, the teams selected are as follows:

J.B.A.A.: M. Finlaison, H. Galbraith, D. Jamon, W. Lorimer, F. E. Smith, C. McNeill and E. M. Burns; P. Daniels, substitute.

Victoria West: Jacobson, Okell, Andrews, Humber, Willard, C. Fairall, W. Fairall.

Mr. S. Norman will act as referee. A Handsome Trophy.

The splendid silver cup which is to reward the final victors in the series of matches between the J.B.A.A. team and the representatives of the Seattle Athletic Club is on exhibition at Mr. H. L. Salmon's and very generally admired. The score now stands 17 points for Seattle and 13 for the Vays; and the final match is to be played here next Saturday.

THE RING.

Going South.

"Poor old Peter Jackson." That is how the once famous colored pugilist is addressed now. At one time he was the prospective champion of the world and many believe that had it not been for the drawing of the color-line he might have held the proud title that Jeffries holds to-day. Jackson has been in Victoria for some month past. He made a trip to Alaska and returned with a severe cold which developed into pneumonia.

For weeks his life was despaired of, but he recovered sufficiently to come out of the Jubilee Hospital, only to find that consumption had fastened its relentless grip on him. Last evening Jackson left for San Francisco, the scene of his early triumphs, where he fought his famous drawn battle with Corbett and where he was the idol of the "sports." He returns a different looking man, his once massive and commanding form being bent by disease.

THE ROD.

Good Fishing.

As anticipated, some good catches were made at Shawinigan lake yesterday by local anglers, the recent bright weather being very favorable. At Prospect and the smaller lakes the results were not so good. A special train will leave at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning for Shawinigan, and will no doubt carry many sportsmen. Returning it will leave the lake at 5 o'clock.

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No disease comes so suddenly and treacherously upon its victims as Croup. Happy is the mother who has Dr. Chase's Syrup of Turpentine when the dear one awakes in the night coughing and struggling for breath. This famous remedy is the standby in the homes of this continent as a prompt and certain cure for croup, bronchitis, coughs, colds, asthma and throat irritation. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

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Ring out glad bells from Britania's land,
Peal out from far and near!
Peal out from sea-kiss'd strand to strand,
On e'er last night ear!

Prelude the news with clang and chime,
In ringing prose and chattered rhyme,
The victory is near.

Unfold your glories to the breeze,
Embrace the swelling air
Ye flags and pennons fair!
Tell out in all your rainbow hues
To earth and sky the happy news,
The victory is near.

Arise, arise, ye feathered fays,
In sunny atmosphere!
Enchant the nation with your lays
And carols soft and clear.
Sing out in joyous, glad accord
To England's Queen, the Heavens' Lord,
The victory is near.

Let every lad unfold to-day
A bloom of beauty rare;
Each rose fling forth on wondrous ray
A scent beyond compare.
So passive joys with scented life,
To greet and bless the widowed wife,
Whose victory is near.

"The Widowed Wife" ah, ring awhile
Sweet music to the minor key.
Rememberance dims each joyful smile,
Discards your harmony.
The breezes die, the pennons droop,
The clear-voiced birds sing low.
A red-hot hush o'er spreads each group
And seems to sear through veiling tears
The silent forms, the shrouded blers
That mark the victory.

No, no; not "hush"! The faithless heart
May shrink indeed in fear.
And darkly turn from taking part
In England's ringing cheer;
But they who feel that God is Love
Can check the sad sob's birth,
Can raise wet eyes to hopes above
And stave off sad and sudden death.

Can lose yet love—and smiling through
Their pain, will bravely shout anew
The victory is near.

So chime again, ye joyous bells!
Aye, float to the land afar,
Ring out your soft, melodious spells
On England's listening ear;
And sing, sweet songsters, sing away
From morn to eve this triumph lay,
The victory is near.

And while all praise in Britania's land
From homes beyond the sea,
From Northern Isles to India's sand,
Great crowds in harmony
Will thunder forth with loud acclaim,
Awake ye people and proclaim
Victoria's victory.

Awake from your slumbers, ye nations,
and cry
"Hurrah!"
Aye, shout in your triumph, and echoes,
reply
"Hurrah!"

The shouts shall not cease, nor the echoes die
Till darkness has banished the sun from the sky.
"Hurrah!"

With booming of cannon,
With thunder from fort,
With loyal saluting
From ships and from port;
With lighting of beacons,
With blazing of fires,
From floating of pennons
From castles and spires;
With shooting of rockets,
Exploding bombs,
With blazon of trumpets
And beating of drums;
With shouting of voices
Where'er be the scene,
And join in the anthem
Of "God Save the Queen."

For sixty years our Queen has bound
Her triple-brooded zone,
Where Rose and Thistle twined around
Are with the Shamrock strewn.
But oh! how vain the shamrock shows,
What futile unity,
The tender green of Shamrock glows,
Forgot amid the three.
No Queenly face e'er glads our sight,
No Queenly voice bids us unite
In cheers of victory.

Yet Erin's sons lie dead in death
"Nenth many a battle-field.
Where, lion-brave, they spent their breath
Victoria's crown to shield.
Their dashing pluck, their strong right hands,
Oft won her victory.

But she forgot her Irish lands,
Nor bore kind memory
Of loyal lives, of faithful deeds,
Who have not spared hearts' blood to shed
To win her victory.

Far from the land of your deepest affection,
Fidely to duty, to God and your Queen;
Ye fought for her honor, nor e'er sought
To question

How coldly neglected your country has been.
Faint from the distance sweet echoes come stealing;
Wings of the angels have borne them along;
The hearts of our heroes with tenderest feeling,
Are raising in Heaven your victory song.

Ah, Lady! If we dared to think
Our cry has reached your ear,
Hibernia on her knees would sink
To breathe this fervent prayer:
"Come—gather here your shamrocks green;
Come—seek our hearts to claim;
Come—show us that we have a Queen,
And not an empty Name!"

Come—win our love; come—seek our cheers!
So shall we shout through happy years,
"God save our glorious Queen."

—PAUL FERROL.

The Royal Canadians'

Baptism of Fire.

Special by Cable from Mr. W. Richmond Smith, the Montreal Star War Correspondent with the Royal Canadian Regiment in South Africa.

Paardeberg Drift, Feb. 18.—By special courier to Modder River Station; delayed in transmission; received in Montreal March 6.—When on the morning of February 18 the Canadians, after a forced march of 23 miles during Saturday night from the direction of Jacobsdorp, reached here they were considerably fatigued, but still in good condition to engage in any serious undertaking that might be before them.

When we reached this Drift, shortly after daybreak on Sunday, we found the Sixth Division of the forces in the field and a cavalry brigade engaging the main body of Gen. Cronje's army, which was attempting to cross the river in full retreat from Magersfontein, and evidently making for a position whence his retreat under the capital of the Orange Free State might be protected.

When the Canadians arrived at the scene of battle and perceived the situation of affairs, in their eagerness to be in the first of the fight, they forgot all the hardships of the forced march which they had just undergone, and as the word was passed round that here at last was serious work ahead of them, there was no flinching. The sight of the British soldiers already in action gave the Canadians a double incentive to take part in the fight. Every man straightened himself for the supreme effort that was coming as the word of command to move forward was given.

Our battalion at once advanced to the banks of the Modder and got into the river, which was running four feet deep at this point. Cronje's men held a strong position on the north bank of the Modder, directly facing us. Rifle-men were posted by the Boers in every down and along the steep banks on the north side, and among a fringe of bushes which bordered on the banks. A few of the men of the Highland Brigade were already engaged in attacking the Boers at this point.

We came in touch with the enemy in the following formation: "A" Company from Manitoba and the "Northwest" "B" Company from London, Ont., and "E" Company from Montreal made up the advance firing line of the Canadian Regiment. "D" Company of Ottawa and Kingston, and "C" Company of Toronto, acted as supports to the firing line. "F" Company, from Quebec, "G" Company, from New Brunswick, and "H" Company, from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, acted as reserves. These latter were not brought into action until the afternoon of Sunday.

The Canadians faced the Boer fire unflinchingly. They compelled the admiration of the British officers, under whose observation they were. Their advances were made in short rushes of 30 paces, and it was done in splendid style, under the command of Capt. Arnold, of Winnipeg, who was seriously injured (and has since died) was gallantly leading his company when he fell before the bullet of a Boer marksman.

The entire Canadian Regiment remained under fire all day, and as there was little cover the casualties in dead and wounded kept mounting steadily upward. At 5 o'clock the Canadian Regiment was reinforced. The Cornwalls were moved up to their support. An order to charge the enemy was given by the Colonel the Cornwalls. This command did not apply to the Canadians, but when our men saw the British soldiers rush forward the example was contagious. The Canadians gave a cheer and every man in the firing line to the right joined in the charge. Seeing this, "F" Company, from Quebec, which was in place with the reserves, rushed forward also upon the Boer position, thinking that the whole regiment had orders to this effect. The Boer position was magnificent one, and was met by a murderous rifle fire from the Boer position. The British troops were falling fast, and ultimately were forced to retire after they had covered 200 yards to the north of the Modder river.

At 6 p.m. with his Maxim guns displayed great gallantry in getting his weapons across the river and advancing steadily to a position on the left flank of the Canadian Regiment. Every step he took was in the face of a heavy Boer fire. From the left flank the Maxim gun did splendid work all day. (Mr. Smith here refers to the casualty list, which was forwarded officially from the battle field, and which has been given out by the Ottawa authorities.)

He then continues his narrative thus: At dark the firing ceased for the Boer lines, and it was found that they had retired, leaving our troops in possession of the position for which they had fought all day. Our dead were picked up and the wounded cared for, and that night we camped on the hard-won battle field, cheered by the news which was circulated throughout the camp that the British attack upon Gen. Cronje had been a complete success; that his position was completely surrounded by British soldiers, and that his capitulation was only a question of time.

I cannot emphasize too much the bravery of the Canadians during the whole day, and the outspoken admiration of the British soldiers in commenting on the manner in which the Canadian soldiers fought was calculated to send a thrill of pride through the breast of every man from the Dominion. If the official expressions of praise over the gallantry of the Canadians was strong, it found a louder echo in the manner in which Tommy Atkins himself ungrudgingly complimented his over-zealous companion in arms. On Monday, the following day, the Canadians rested, and the respite from hostilities was much appreciated.

Monday evening, with the rest of the brigade, the Canadians moved to the north bank of the river to a number of kopjes overlooking the Boer laager. Taking advantage of the position won in Sunday's fight, the Canadians had a commanding place from which to observe the Boer camp.

Before 6 o'clock on Tuesday morning the Canadian Regiment moved out in the open veldt, in front of Gen. Cronje's laager, about 2,000 yards distant from it. After an hour spent in this position, the Canadians steadily advanced their outpost until they came in touch with the outer Boer trenches. The Dutchmen did not fire upon our men. One of their number came out of the trenches waving a white flag, and stated that all the Boers in this particular position desired to surrender. The messenger was taken before Brigadier-Major Currie and Capt. Dixon. He repeated his statement and was taken back again to the trenches. Here

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COMPANY OF NEW YORK

RICHARD A. MCCURDY PRESIDENT

STATEMENT

For the year ending December 31, 1899
According to the Standard of the Insurance Department of the State of New York

INCOME

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Received from Premiums | \$44,524,519.92 |
| From all other Sources | 14,365,567.25 |
| | \$58,890,077.17 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| To Policy-holders for Claims by Death | \$15,629,070.43 |
| To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc. | 10,730,057.12 |
| For all other accounts | 12,225,444.44 |
| | \$38,584,572.08 |

ASSETS

| | |
|--|------------------|
| United States Bonds and Securities | \$173,185,461.74 |
| First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgages | 74,794,821.63 |
| Loans on Bonds and other Securities | 6,230,000.00 |
| Loans on Company's Policies | 4,374,420.66 |
| Real Estate: Company's 12 Office Buildings, and other Properties | 23,186,525.06 |
| Cash in Banks and Trust Companies | 13,012,455.02 |
| Accrued Interest, Not Deferred Premiums, etc. | 6,960,637.41 |
| | \$301,844,537.52 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Policy Reserves, etc. | \$261,711,088.61 |
| Outstanding Guarantees and Claims Available for Authorized Dividends | 47,952,948.91 |
| | 2,180,000.00 |
| | \$301,844,537.52 |

Insurance and Annuities in Force

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct. The liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department.

CHARLES A. PRELLER Auditor

ROBERT A. GRANNISS VICE-PRESIDENT

WALTER R. GILLETTE General Manager
ISAAC F. LLOYD 2nd Vice-President
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EMORY MCCLINTOCK Actuary

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